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For: AGENT FOR SKIN EXTERNAL USE CONTAINING SALT OF ASCORBIC ACID
DERIVATIVE, METHOD FOR STABILIZING THE AGENT FOR SKIN EXTERNAL
USE, AND STABILIZER

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

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1. The disclosure on page 3 of the present specification and the submission of an English language abstract for JP-A-8-113525 constitutes a concise statement of relevance of JP-A-8-113525.

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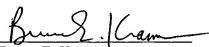
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